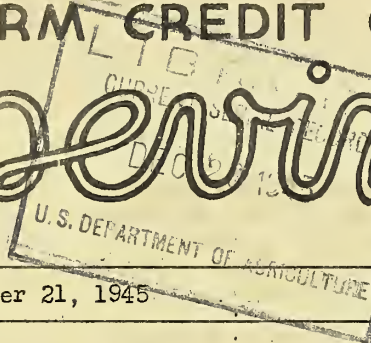


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THE OZARKS ARE LIKE THAT

When the hikers, who participated in the Armistice Day week-end trip to the Lake of the Ozarks, began checking up, they found a lot of sore muscles, the need of much shut-eye, a lot of colds and sore throats; but all agreed that this was the best trip the hiking club has had. Not even the storm on the last day could dampen the fine spirit of the thirty-five persons who left from Armour at The Paseo, 10:10 a.m., November 10, packed in a school bus that was built for twenty-eight passengers and no baggage. Adding the six hikers who left the night before with Margaret and Boots Porter made forty-one hikers in all.

Even though the trip down to Lake View Beach included 45 minutes for lunch, and a stop at the tower for a bird's-eye view of the whole lake, the hikers arrived ahead of schedule. Boots Porter and his News Reel Syndicate had to make a mad scramble setting up movie cameras to click off the arrival.

Ten cottages were waiting for the first-come, first-served tenants, and soon blue smoke from ready laid wood fires was lending its spicy smell to the enchanting surroundings. These cottages had everything from gas burners for cooking to electric lights - believe it or not!

The committee for Saturday night's supper went into action and by the time bags were unpacked, hot dogs were hissing in the blaze of a huge camp fire, built on an extended point of the island surrounded by lake waters which churned and foamed around bleached driftwood, almost like the ocean. The beauty of a glamorous crescent moon helped keep the hikers' minds off the chilly night.

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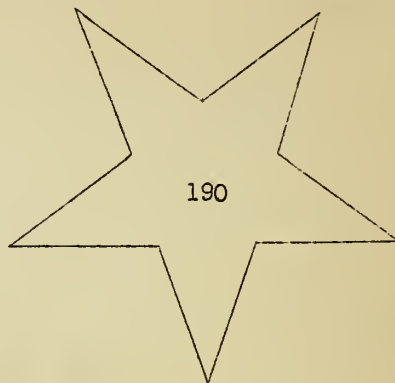
News for the next issue of the GRAPEVINE should be in by November 30.

WAGS VISIT ART GALLERY

One of the best attended and most worthwhile meetings of the WAGS was held on Saturday morning, November 17, when a group of about 30 members enjoyed a conducted tour of the William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art. Two hours were spent in viewing the most famous of the paintings, statuary, tapestries, and art objects in general. A guide pointed out the identifying details of each artist's style, and gave something of his personal history.

While the work of many great artists, both ancient and modern, was shown, the Corots, Rembrandts, Titians, and others of the "old Masters" seemed to rate as favorites over the more modern school.

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NEWS OF OUR RETURNED SERVICEMEN

To the civilian, the Army Air Corps has always possessed much of romance

and glamour. Of all its branches none has more of these qualities than the Strategic Bombers, and FCA now has in her midst a returned serviceman who participated in some of the most thrilling episodes in the saga of Liberator Bombers over Europe. Albert J. Mattern is back with F&A Operating Analysis Section after 3 years in the Air Corps, 19 months of which were spent in the Operations Office near Foggia, Italy.

Mr. Mattern began his 9 months of flying training on July 9, 1942. At the end of that time he was put into basic training for operations work, and later assigned to the 459th Bombardment Group which landed at Naples, Italy, on August 2, 1944. The 29 day trip was made in a convoy of 105 troop and supply ships which was bombed in the Mediterranean; the ship next to the one on which Mr. Mattern was a passenger was sunk.

From our largest Italian air field, near Foggia, the Operations Force planned much of the long range (or strategic) bombing of German occupied Europe, including many flights to the Ploesti Oil Fields in Rumania. In addition to choosing targets, kinds of bombs, secret codes (for use in contacting fighter cover), height of flight, weather conditions etc., Mr. Mattern's group compiled information as to location of German Prisoner of War camps so that our pilots would not jettison bombs in places which would endanger our men who had been taken prisoner by the Germans.

The 459th landed in Italy before American supply lines were functioning properly, and the first winter was spent with no heat of any kind for the men and not quite as much food as they would have liked. In spite of this the men were very healthy and colds

were almost unknown. There was very little equipment of any kind at first, desks and chairs being built from packing boxes, and during the second winter heating stoves were made from empty oil drums. It was ironic to note, however, that colds were much more prevalent among the men after the advent of the heating stove.

Much American ingenuity was shown in the furnishing of tents. Mr. Mattern's peacetime hobby being carpentry, he made such a cozy home with its reclining arm chair and electric bridge lamp, that a photographer was sent to take pictures of it for the daily press. Besides this recognition, he was accorded by his comrades the signal honor of being made President of the Enlisted Men's Club, a position which any man would like to hold, and of which he is justly proud.

The 459th Bombardment Group was returned to the United States for training on B-29's, and re-deployment to the Pacific. The end of the war with Japan hastened their release, and Mr. Mattern is happy to be back with Operating Analysis at FCA once again. Nineteen months in Italy during the "rugged" period brought him such experiences that he says he can understand the feelings of men who kiss the ground of the United States upon their return. Needless to say, Mr. Mattern is receiving a warm and enthusiastic "Welcome Home!" from all Farm Credit.

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Wife: "Did you see those soldiers staring at that girl when she got on the trolley?"
Hubby: "What soldiers?"

Strictly Personal



Accounts Subdivision. Loree Proctor and husband, Lester, who is now home for good, entertained Lester's twin brother and his wife over a week end....Mary Jo DeMasters has received a "summons" from her husband of the Navy Air Corps to come to Texas to live.... Our sympathy to Rowena Moore on the recent death of her brother...Bob Drescher departed on November 16 for Ft. Leavenworth for his physical examination....Caroline Schmitt's twin brother arrived home on a furlough from Camp Roberts, Texas....We learn that Cpl. Al Katz is the proud father of a baby girl born on November 14.... Vincent Johnson is devoting a 2 weeks' vacation to hunting in the "wilds" of northern Minnesota....Armistice Day week end travelers include Louise Morgan to Wellington, Kans.; Louise Noblet to Maryville, Mo.; Mary Denton to South Dakota; Donna Beirne to Iowa; and Peggy Zinn to Frankfort, Kans.

Administrative Accounts. Judy Ferguson was surprised by a visit from a former Ottawa, Kans., University roommate, Mrs. Harry Freeman, at whose wedding she was maid of honor last May....A jolly time was had at a unique surprise shower given for newly engaged Ruth Burris by Pat Ross and Marian Morelock at Marian's apartment on a recent eve. Twenty-two girls of the section and two former employees, Ardys and Cleta Morgan, attended.... Marian Morelock is presently vacationing in St. Louis and Kirksville, Mo., with her family....Bill Holman will travel to Red Oak, Iowa, for a Thanksgiving dinner with friends....'Tis proud we were on November 6 of

Dorothy Owen and Sarah Schneider, as they marched in Red Cross uniforms in the parade honoring General Jonathon Weinwright....Lt. Col. H. H. Hendricks, now in India awaiting transfer to the States, sends best wishes to FCA friends.

Cooperative. Leora Welch traveled to San Antonio, Tex., to be a bridesmaid for a former roommate....S. D. Sanders' son, Ernest, has arrived in the States after 2 years in the Pacific with the Seabees....A visit to her home in Kansas was an Armistice Day pleasure of Peggy Lowe....J. E. Rolfes is comfortably settled in his new home in the southwest part of the city....Kay Price week end holidayed at her home in Kans.

Examination. Mary Jo Matlick spent an entertaining week end at her home in Ethel, Mo....Agnes Nemanich recently appeared on the "Man on the Street" broadcast over WHB to promote the sale of Victory bonds....A week end spent in St. Louis with friends and a cousin just returned from overseas was a recent pleasure of Dorothy Wilson.... Eileen Fascher is vacationing at her home in South Dakota and enjoying a new nephew added to the family since her last visit....Mrs. H. M. Shields arrived from Tennessee to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with Mr. Shields.

F&A Executive & General. Kathy McClean had as a recent guest Jack Long of Los Angeles....Nina Stabe is recovering rapidly from a recent experience of being "run over" by an automobile.... December 22 is the date that wedding bells will ring for Lourene Pederson and Bill Taylor....Barbara Jean Kelley is presently on detail in Administrative and Service Section.

Finance Subdivision. The happy smile worn by Lucille Barr is caused by the presence in Kansas City of T5 Thos.

Clodfelter of Camp Haan, Calif.... Gladys Rovillo traveled to Lexington, Mo., on Armistice week end.... John Muller's son, with his wife and tiny son Jackie, en route to make a new home in Salt Lake City, stopped for a week end visit.... Eleanor Neff holidayed in Clarence, Mo., with relatives.... Presently on a business trip to D.C., are W. T. McKeown and Bill Albright.... Vacationist Fred Howard has returned from Illinois.... A phone call and telegram from California announced the important news to Helen Thorpe that a certain Marine was back after 3½ years overseas.... Ruth Butters from Stenographic Section is a new member of Investment Section.

General Files. Our sympathy to Myrtle DeVall whose father died recently.... Delma Ford is vacationing with her husband who has returned from overseas.... A farewell office party was given for Mary Jane Sullivan on her resignation to accept a position with the Weather Bureau in the Federal Building.... Betty Higgins has decided she prefers the Army to the Navy, but she can't convince Pat Brazzell!.... Vacationist Shirley Ellefson is at her home in South Dakota.... Gerry Williams is on leave entertaining her new sister-in-law, who arrived from Seattle, Wash.... Elizabeth Ammon is detailing in the Surplus Property office.

Governor's Office. Sgt. and Margaret Hicks are making a "tour" of relatives in nearby States.... Our best welcome to returning veteran George Thomson.... Katie Sue Myers traveled to Lawrence, Kans., on November 17 to see the KU-KState football game.

Graphic. Edith Threlkeld is spending a week's vacation in Koshkonong, Mo.... Girls of Composing Unit, with a roomful of potted plants minus the

plants, have not given up hope of finding some means of beautifying their office and will appreciate contributions.... Dorothy Carlstrom has returned from a week's visit in Pelly, Texas.... Hoyt Elkins was at home for a day recuperating from minor injuries resulting from "playing too hard" while on the Armistice hikers' trip to the Ozarks.... Hazel Winfrey visited in Clifton Hill, Mo.

Information & Extension. Recent visitors enjoyed by the division include Vernon Vine, formerly of the Information Division; George Thomson, returning from military service to duty in the fourth floor executive offices; R. H. Elsworth, formerly of the CR&S Division; and information agents Herman Mertens of Omaha, who was a guest at the E. B. Reid home, and Jim Heizer of Louisville. Vernon Vine and the George Thomsons were dinner guests of J. L. Robinson on one eve.... Tom Pritchard is back at his desk following a short illness.... Mary Watson spent a week end at the home of Pat McCombs in Higginsville, Mo.... The growing "rogues galleries" in the offices of Catherine Hardy and Tom Pritchard, showing the results of the sketch class, are stopping all passers-by.

Library. Bernice Nilson spent the Armistice week end in Columbia, Mo., with a friend, Dorothy J. Allen, a law student at the University of Missouri.... Mabel Schweitzer was pleasantly surprised by a visit from her cousin, petty officer Vernon Yaussi, who was on furlough from his training school at Treasure Island, San Francisco....

Mortgage Corporation Service. Byron Hollis was welcomed back from military service on November 9.

Personnel. Newcomer Helen Curtin, from OPA, is welcomed to Appointment Unit....A brand new "sparkler" now graces the third finger, left hand, of Jo Gerdes....Frances Sayre has resigned to take up where she left off before the "Mr." went overseas....We learn from Peggy Goodrich, on leave from the division, that her husband has arrived from overseas and is spending his furlough making the acquaintance of his tiny new daughter....Hard as was tried, former coworkers of recent visitor Rosemary Bales, now a "lady of leisure," just could not convince her that there is nothing like a good 8 hours' work each day to prolong one's life!....It is good to see Elbert Smith, minus the Navy blue, back at his desk....Pennie Burger's son has arrived home after 3 years in the South Pacific.

Production Credit. Lorraine Lagergren is vacationing to welcome home from Europe her husband, Gil, who has received his discharge from the Army....Mary Hague reports her trip to San Antonio "exciting," even inferring that it would not take much to make a Texan out of her!

Purchase & Supply. Welcome home to Bob Letchworth who has resumed former duties following 2 years of military service....Flo Eifert dropped in to relate "wonderful" tales of Oklahoma City to former coworkers....Visiting Mary Terry are her sister, with her husband and tiny son, of San Francisco, and her brother of Chicago....Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall who celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on November 15....R. L. Crim announced completion of 28 years of Government service on November 6, 20 years of which have been spent with Agriculture....Honeymooners Virginia and Kenneth Caldwell write from Florida that, as soon as Kenneth

receives his discharge from the Navy, they will return to make Kansas City their home.

Revolving Fund. C. H. McClain is spending 2 weeks on official business in Washington.

Solicitor's Office. Ruth Lane spent Armistice week end visiting her sister in Smithville, Mo.....On detail in Short-Term Credit Division is Betty Witmer from Stenographic Section....R. L. Farrington and J. E. Lee are presently in D. C. on official business.

Stenographic. Bettye Kramer has returned from a detail in Personnel Division....We hear that Marine LaVeta Dexter is now addressed as "sergeant"....Recent Kansas week endists include Ruth Brecheisen to Garnett; Rosslyn McCampbell to Atchison; Mildred Hare to Wyaconda; and Marceline Pearson to Marysville.

Tabulating. Gertrude Bukaty is "flashing" around a new diamond ring worn on her left hand, third finger....Elisa Sandoval has completed a beautiful afghan which she will give her mother as a Christmas present....Dick "limpy" Robertson was off from work for a few days with a knee out of place...Pauline Norton is back at her desk following celebration of her husband's homecoming.

Telephone. Charlotte Toomey holidayed in Sioux City, Iowa....Helen Baughman traveled to Muskogee, Okla., to spend Armistice Day.

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An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves.

.....L. M. Childs

Home Service News



To date members of the central office of the Farm Credit Administration in Kansas City and the liaison office in Washington have purchased Victory Loan bonds totaling \$19,000. Included in this figure are a few purchases of large amounts which in themselves put divisions over quotas. Each employee should remember that he has a part in helping FCA go over its quota; also that he owes it to himself to invest in this best of all investments.

The Roosevelt memorial bond has proved the best seller, about 25 purchasers having bought this bond to date. The bond bears an excellent picture of the late president, underneath which is quoted "Every single man, woman, and child is a partner in the most tremendous undertaking of our American history."

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Tony Albemonte is out of the Coast Guard and told us the other day that he planned to take a nice rest before going job hunting!

Several people (among them yours truly) enjoyed a little trip over the Armistice Day holiday. The only complaint heard was "it rained too much!" Dr. Warburton has been in several times - looking so grand that we all agree that retirement is what we should all hurry up and try out! We hear that Max Menk has safely arrived in Europe and is doing a fine job for UNRRA.

Omer W. Herrmann has accepted a position as Assistant Director of the Fats and Oils Branch of F&MA.

WAGS VISIT ART GALLERY (Continued from page 2)

Among the paintings which had special appeal were Old Parr by Rubens; Manet's Portrait of Lina Campineau; and Raeburn's Master Alexander Mackenzie.

The Chinese gallery with its ancient and lovely glazed pottery, statuary, and Buddhist temple was dominated by the magnificent statue of Kuan Yin, whose spirit of mystery seems to cast a spell of enchantment over all who gaze upon her.

To many the building itself held almost as much interest as its contents. In Kirkwood Hall, the stately columns of Missouri marble were most impressive, and the Atkins Wing justifies its title as the most beautiful museum in America. Rozzelle Court, with its bright green patio highlighting the more severe note of the gallery proper is the charming setting of colorful decorations recently completed by Daniel McMorris.

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One girl to another: "I'd marry Fred if he were rich or taller or better looking - or if he'd ask me."

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Prize Winner

The very best after-dinner speech ever heard: "Waiter, give me both checks."

Club Room Notes



New books recently received in the Club Library include:

JANUARY THAW, Bellamy Partridge
THE DEVIL IN THE BUSH, Matthew Head
TOMORROW'S ANOTHER DAY, W. R. Burnett
OUTSIDE EDEN, Isabell Scott Rorick
WOMAN AT BAY, George Harmon Cox
THE LIFE OF THE HEART, Frances Winwar
VICIOUS PATTERN, M. V. Heberden

IF YOU ARE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

On page 5 of Consumers' Research for November 1945 there appears an article on "Women's Slips." If you are thinking of buying lingerie as a Christmas gift, this report on 15 different slips will aid in making a sound choice among the popular brands.

An article on "Men's Suits" appearing on page 15 of the same issue will interest you careful men who are desirous of buying a suit from the standpoint of durability as well as of fashion. Ask the librarian for this magazine the next time you visit in the Club Room.

EL CLUB VESPERTINO

The club members have been very fortunate in securing interesting speakers to tell of the various Latin-American countries. On October 24, Sr. Eduardo

Sanchez Cuban Consul gave a talk on Cuba, bringing out a number of little-known facts about that country. In the round-table discussion that followed Sr. Julio Silva, a guest, and Sr. Sanchez made comparisons of the types of fruit produced in Mexico and Cuba.

Sr. R. Andrade, a frequent guest of the club, delighted his audience on the evening of November 14 with descriptions of the fiestas of Mexico, particularly those held during the Christmas season.

The Mexican violinist, Samuel Marti, presented by the Federated Pan American Clubs, on Nov. 9 was enthusiastically received by an audience of about 150 persons. FCA's attending the concert were Beulah Watson, Olive Russell, Persis Gray, Alma Day, Margaret Olsen, and Isabella McGinnis.

On November 28, the motion pictures THE WEALTH OF THE ANDES, and URUGUAY will be shown to the members and their guests.

If you enjoy the noon movies and would like to help pay for the rental of the film, leave your contribution in the container that will be left near the door.

Kind words are the music of the world
.....F. W. Faber

Sportlight



FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pinfall
Legal	21	12	19,586
Personnel	18	15	19,320
Purchase	18	15	18,905
Finance and Acct.	17	16	19,086
Audit	16	17	18,344
Reports	16	17	19,165
Production Credit	14	19	18,021
Graphic	12	21	18,396

RECORDS

HTG	Reports	740
HTS	Reports	2,021
HIG	Carter	201
HIS	McGee	537

AVERAGES

McGee	147
Palmer	136
Ruch	132

FCA MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Standings	Won	Lost	Total Pinfall
Harvesters	20	13	24,959
Reports	20	13	23,970
Accounts	18	15	22,353
Field Acctg.	17	16	24,082
Graphic	16	17	24,551
Examination	15	18	24,338
Short-Term	15	18	23,691
Bankers	11	22	21,677

ACTUAL

HIG	Olson	248
HIS	Dahill	634
HIG	Field Accounting	924
HTS	Harvesters	2,450

HANDICAP

HTG	Field Accounting	924
HTS	Examination	2,465

BIG THREE

Dahill	181-32
Frazee	162-18
Hein	162-12

THE OZARKS ARE LIKE THAT (Continued from page 1)

There are strikers all over the country, folks, but not at Lake View Beach. Never have committees been known to function with more skill than did the committees that carried out the well-organized plans of Verna Brewer, manager of the entire trip. No sooner would the clean-up committee finish with one meal than the committee for the next meal would report for duty. Until the coffee pots were emptied for the last time on Monday, the Bill Holman all-purpose committee could be seen carrying water, building fires, emptying trash, and performing countless other chores.

Everyone tried to out-cooperate everyone else, but the medal goes to Verna Brewer, Ruth Burris, Dorothy Dick, and Irene McCollom, who, because they had the biggest cabin, agreed that it be used for a central kitchen and mess hall. This deprived them of most of their privacy and all late morning hours of sleep, but they made no complaint.

Highlights of camp life included such things as Tommy Pritchard trying to keep up with his old man; Ruth Burris and Dick Elliott insisting they not be left alone; Mary Freeze being rescued from a choppy lake that made her boat go round and round; Harriette Holdren losing and finding her Indian bracelet; everyone taking for cover at the sight of Marie Fuhr darting from her cabin carrying a butcher knife, headed for the woods, until it was learned that she was going to dig up some ferns to take home; the whole tribe swooping down and breaking up a bridge game in which George Hinde was making a little slam (so he says); Jean Sutter, whose small-trousered legs seemed to be running several directions at once, gathering up cooking equipment from the cabins; Mary Lee Vincent making a higher score at bridge than Marie Fuhr on the last day of camp; and juvenile Edith Threlkeld playing so hard she had a leg ache. Also worthy of mention was the fudge Boots Porter made; and too, you should have seen Don Warburton out-romancing Romeo, rowing girls on the lake, Lucille Holmes and Pat Ross trying to keep out of camera range, and heard Al Mattern insisting "the Army was never like this."

At 2:00 p.m. Monday, while the hikers were waiting for the bus to take them back to Kansas City, Mary Freeze took a picture of the group at the request of the Jamison's, owners and operators of Lake View Beach. They think the FCA'ers are angels. They really do! While discussions of a return trip, via the Bagnell Dam, were in process news came that the bus would be late and when Verna announced that the Dam trip had been called off, younger folks shouted with joy at the prospect of staying in camp another night, until they realized that Verna couldn't have meant what they thought at all.

There was disappointment as the rain sent hikers scurrying to nearby cabins, but they watched with wide-eyed wonder as the storm lashed with fury the waters of the lake. The sunset that followed included a gorgeous but brief rainbow. Oh! this trip had everything! But Good!

It was a subdued crowd whizzing home on the bus in the moonlight; tired but happy, and this is their message: That they are indebted to Jean Sutter, whose idea it was to take the trip; that you can believe everything good you hear, and more, about the Lake of the Ozarks; that Verna Brewer is the world's best camping trip organizer; that the Jamison's are a swell couple; that wood fires do get hot; and that Chick Sales knew what he was talking about.

H. V. Waters

P.S. There was one general hike that lasted about 3 hours and numerous non-scheduled hikes by small groups, or couples, but as "Hot Shot" Charley would say, "leave us not be hasty" in saying there was not much hiking. You had to hike to get over the place.

NOON CONCERT

Records will be played by Paul Rapp at a noon concert to be held Friday, November 30, at 12:30. The FCA Women's Choral Group is scheduled to make its first public appearance under the direction of Mr. James Fern at 12:45, after which Mr. Rapp will continue with more record playing.